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Nanaimo Fire Rescue Inspector receives Provincial accolades

Summary

Nanaimo Fire Rescue Inspector, Umesh Lal, has received the 2020 Fire Educator of the Year Award from the Fire Prevention Officers of British Columbia.Umesh has been integral in assisting and developing numerous fire safety and education programs in the City.

Strategic Link: Public Safety is a priority for the City of Nanaimo

Key Points

- The Fire Prevention Officers of British Columbia recognize one person annually for their work on fire safety education.
- Umesh has been critical in many fire safety educational programs in the City including the home smoke alarm program, working with Snuneymuxw First Nation on fire extinguisher training, the BC Burn Fund, fire safety to new Canadians and outreach with School District #68.
- Fire prevention and safety education reduce the risk and impact of fires in our community.

Quotes

"The work he has done prevents injuries and saves lives. It is vital work and he has done it so well he has received this prestigious award acknowledging his high level of performance. The City is proud of him."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

"Fire prevention is key to saving lives and property in our City. I am proud of the work that our department is doing and could not be more pleased for Umesh in his receiving of this recognition."

Karen Fry
Fire Chief
City of Nanaimo

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